

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No: 10/721,389  
Applicants: Masahiko Hatanaka et al.  
Filed: November 25, 2003  
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COMPRESSING IMAGE DATA  
T.C./A.U.: 2624  
Examiner: Duy M. Dang  
Confirmation No.: 1655  
Docket No.: MAT-8475US

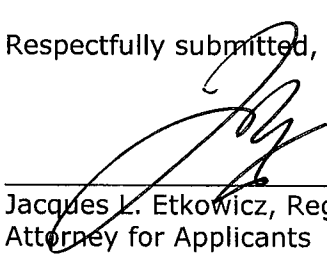
**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

An interview was conducted with the Examiner on October 28, 2008. During the interview, the amended features to claim 1 were proposed. The Examiner agreed that the amended features were not disclosed or suggested by the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,



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